

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with speakers permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BILLY CLYDE DIFFIE'S  
RETIREMENT

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to congratulate my friend, Billy Clyde Diffie, who entered the ranks of retired persons on August 31, 1996.

Billy Clyde Diffie was born on March 27, 1934 in Ohatchee, AL to Carl and Alta Diffie. He graduated from Ohatchee High School, where he excelled as a running back. He followed in his father's footsteps by later taking a job at the Anniston Foundry in Anniston, AL. In July 1959, he began a career with the Alabama Highway Department as an engineer assistant. Over the next three and a half decades, until his retirement last month, he worked his way through the engineer grades all the way to the rank of CE 1—civil engineer.

Right by his side during his long career with the Alabama Highway Department was his wife, Vera Sue, who he married on April 17, 1953. They have five children, Rodney Clyde, Stanley Keith, Anthony Karl, Pamela Rene, and Kimberly Sue. All five children graduated from Sylacauga High School in Sylacauga, AL, where the Diffies reside in the Fairmont Community. They have just recently purchased a second home in Laguna Beach, FL, just in time for his retirement. The house is located between his brother's beach house and his sister's on the other side.

As his children were growing up, Billy was very active in little league baseball both as a parent and as an umpire. He also coached baseball and football and was active in the youth program at the Marble City Baptist Church.

I congratulate and commend Billy Clyde Diffie on his outstanding career and wish him all the best for a happy, healthy retirement.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 211) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3060.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3060) to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of Senate

Concurrent Resolution 47, 104th Congress, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Mr. GINGRICH of Georgia, Mr. ARMEY of Texas, and Mr. GEPHARDT of Missouri.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER  
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-3942. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-309 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3943. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-310 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3944. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-311 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3945. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-312 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3946. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-314 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3947. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-315 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3948. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-316 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3949. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-317 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3950. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-318 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3951. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-320 adopted by the Council on July 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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